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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, IO Division

SUBJECT: Project Proposal - AEBASIN

I have read the subject project proposal. Since Part I thereof appears to be a continuation of activities which have received prior approval, the following comments pertain only to Part II.

On page 6 it is recommended that attempts be continued to secure facilities at Radio Hamburg, and on page 9 it is stated that several members of the Bonn parliament in Germany are sponsoring the Estonian cause with the Bonn Government.

The question of RFE undertaking broadcasts to the Baltic area was reviewed several months ago, and the arguments against such an undertaking seem pertinent to the present proposal. At that time the joint decision of the Agency and the Department was restated, i.e., that it is preferable to have broadcasting to that area handled by VOA.

In view of current German sensitivities with regard to Baltic emigre activities I further question the desirability of attempting at this time to obtain facilities on Radio Hamburg.

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